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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: PUERTO RICO

REF: STATE 111287

1. CALLED ON DIRECTOR UN AFFAIRS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY, HADJ AZZOUT, MORNING MAY 11 AND LEFT WITH HIM FRENCH TEXT AIDE MEMOIRE TRANSMITTED REFTEL. NOTED THAT I HAD PREVIOUSLY MADE SEVERAL REPRESENTATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT IN SAME VEIN AT VARIOUS LEVELS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THAT I HAD IMPRESSION ALGERIANS WELL AWARE OF OUR POSITION. WE WISHED TO REITERATE IT, HOWEVER, TO MAKE SURE THERE NO MISTAKE.

2. HADJ AZZOUT REPLIED THAT US POSITION WAS INDEED WELL KNOWN. HE CHARACTERIZED PUERTO RICO DEBATE AS A RECURRING AFFAIR WHICH OTHER DELEGATIONS EXCEPT CUBAN DID NOT TAKE VERY SERIOUSLY. I SAID THAT MIGHT WELL BE THE CASE, BUT IT WAS A VERY SERIOUS MATTER FOR US. RESOLUTIONS WHICH NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES SO READILY PASSED AT ONE CONFERENCE OR ANOTHER WERE CONTINUALLY BEING REFERRED TO IN SUBSEQUENT CONFERENCES AND GRADUALLY BECAME ENSHRINED AS PART OF THE NON-ALIGNED IDEOLOGY. AS I HAD EXPLAINED EARLIER WE HOPED ALGERIANS WOULD NOT TAKE A LEADING POSITION ON THIS QUESTION IN UN OR NON-ALIGNED MEETINGS. HADJ AZZOUT SAID ALGERIAN POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT WAS VERY "MILD" AND IMPLIED WE NEED NOT

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WORRY ABOUT IT.

3. COMMENT: REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER OUR DEMARCHES ON
SUBJECT WILL IN FACT HAVE RESTRAINING EFFECT ON GOA POSITION.
BELIEVE WE CAN BE CONFIDENT, HOWEVER, THAT MESSAGE HAS BEEN
TRANSMITTED. WILL SEEK TO TRANSMIT IT AGAIN ON EVE OF NACC
TO OFFICER IN CHARGE NON-ALIGNED MATTERS, ABDERRAHMANE
BENSID, WHO CURRENTLY AT ISTANBUL ISLAMIC CONFERENCE.
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